

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 1816**

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By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, petition of Ronald Mariano relative to widow's benefits. Labor and Workforce Development.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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### **AN ACT RELATIVE TO WIDOW'S BENEFITS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     Section 1(1) of Chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the  
3 following paragraph:

4     Section 1: For the purposes of Section 35C, Section 32, and  
5 Section 31, the earnings of the employee shall be determined as of  
6 the date of his last full time employment, irrespective of whether  
7 that employer is subject to this chapter. Notwithstanding the prior  
8 voluntary retirement of the employee, such earnings shall be consid-  
9 ered wages upon which the spouse is dependent at the time of the  
10 employee's death.

11    Section 2: For purposes of Section 2A of Chapter 152 of the  
12 General Laws, Section 1 of this act, above, shall be deemed to be  
13 procedural in character.